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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 STATE FARM LIFE INSURANCE) Case No. 5:20-cv-06519-BLF
11 COMPANY, an Illinois corporation,)
12 Plaintiff,) ~~PROPOSED~~ AMENDED
13 vs.) JUDGMENT
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15 MICHAEL R. ABLAZA, an individual;))
16 and JAIME GARCES, the)
17 Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth)
18 Garces Ablaza,)
19 Defendants.)
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1 Plaintiff State Farm Life Insurance Company (“State Farm”) and defendant
2 Jaime Garces, Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth Garces Ablaza, through their
3 counsel, have stipulated to entry of an amended judgment to clarify that interest
4 accrued on the funds interpleaded by State Farm is payable to Jaime Garces as
5 Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth Garces Ablaza. Having reviewed the
6 stipulation of the parties and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY
7 ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

8 A. On March 7, 2023, Judgment was entered against defendant Michael
9 Ablaza in this action following a felony conviction against him for causing the death
10 of Maribeth Garces Ablaza (the “Insured”). The conviction disqualified Michael
11 Ablaza from entitlement to any of the insurance proceeds at issue in this interpleader
12 matter.

13 B. The life insurance proceeds State Farm deposited into the Court registry
14 shall be distributed forthwith by the Clerk as follows: (1) \$12,000.00 shall be paid
15 to State Farm Life Insurance Company as partial reimbursement for its reasonable
16 attorney’s fees and costs incurred in bringing this interpleader action; and (2) the
17 remaining balance on deposit with the Court (after deducting the \$12,000.00 payment
18 to State Farm), including all interest accrued on the interpleaded funds, shall be paid
19 to Jaime Garces, Administrator of the Estate of Maribeth Garces Ablaza.

20 C. Defendants Michael R. Ablaza and Jaime Garces, the Administrator of
21 the Estate of Maribeth Garces Ablaza are enjoined by the Court from instituting or
22 prosecuting any proceeding, including without limitation in any State or United States
23 district court, with respect to State Farm policy number LF-3554-3706 (the “Policy”) insuring the life of Maribeth Garces Ablaza or the life insurance proceeds deposited
24 with the Court in this action.


25 D. State Farm is discharged from any further liability relating to the Policy
26 or payment of the death benefit attributable to the Policy, including interest due
27 thereon or otherwise. All claims that could have been raised against State Farm
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1 relating to the Policy, payment of the Policy death benefit, interest on the Policy death
2 benefit or otherwise in connection with the Policy, including without limitation any
3 unknown or unsuspected claims, are hereby dismissed with prejudice.

4 E. Except as provided in this Judgment, the parties are to bear their own
5 attorney's fees and costs.

6 F. This is a final judgment in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b), there
7 being no just reason for delay.

8 Dated: March 27, 2024

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11 Hon. Beth Labson Freeman
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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